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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BENJAMIN PLESS et al.

Application No.: 09/698,357

Filed: October 27, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR ABLATING TISSUE

Examiner: M. PEFFLEY

Art Unit: 3739

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in this application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25, 31, 33, 34 and 40-63 and add new claims 115-129 as follows:

- 31
15. (New) A method of ablating cardiac tissue from an epicardial location, comprising the steps of:
- providing an ablating device having an ultrasound emitting element;
 - positioning the ablating device in contact with a location outside the patient's heart overlying a cardiac tissue structure to be ablated;
 - activating the ultrasonic emitting element at a first frequency to produce focused ultrasound energy which is directed at the tissue structure, the ultrasound emitting element being activated for a number of discrete time periods at the first frequency; and

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